

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION**

ROBERT F. CALDWELL #933046,

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Petitioner,

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v.

§ Case No. 6:21-cv-257-JDK-JDL

DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID,

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Respondent.

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**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Petitioner Robert F. Caldwell, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice prisoner proceeding pro se, filed this petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The case was transferred to this Court for proper venue and was referred to United States Magistrate Judge John D. Love for findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for the disposition of the case.

On July 8, 2021, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that the petition be dismissed without prejudice for lack of authorization to file a second or successive habeas petition and as barred by sanctions previously imposed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Docket No. 5. A copy of this Report was sent to Petitioner and received by him on July 15, 2021. Docket No. 6.

This Court reviews the findings and conclusions of the Magistrate Judge de novo only if a party objects within fourteen days of the Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In conducting a de novo review, the Court examines the entire record and makes an independent assessment under the law. *Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir.

1996) (en banc), *superseded on other grounds by statute*, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections from ten to fourteen days).

Here, Petitioner did not object in the prescribed period. The Court therefore reviews the Magistrate Judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviews his legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law. *See United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989), *cert. denied*, 492 U.S. 918 (1989) (holding that, if no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed, the standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law.").

Having reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Report and the record in this case, the Court finds no clear error or abuse of discretion and no conclusions contrary to law. Accordingly, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Docket No. 5) as the findings of this Court. Petitioner's petition for habeas corpus is hereby **DISMISSED** without prejudice. The Court **DENIES** a certificate of appealability. All pending motions are **DENIED** as **MOOT**.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this 18th day of August, 2021.



JEREMY D. KERNODLE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE